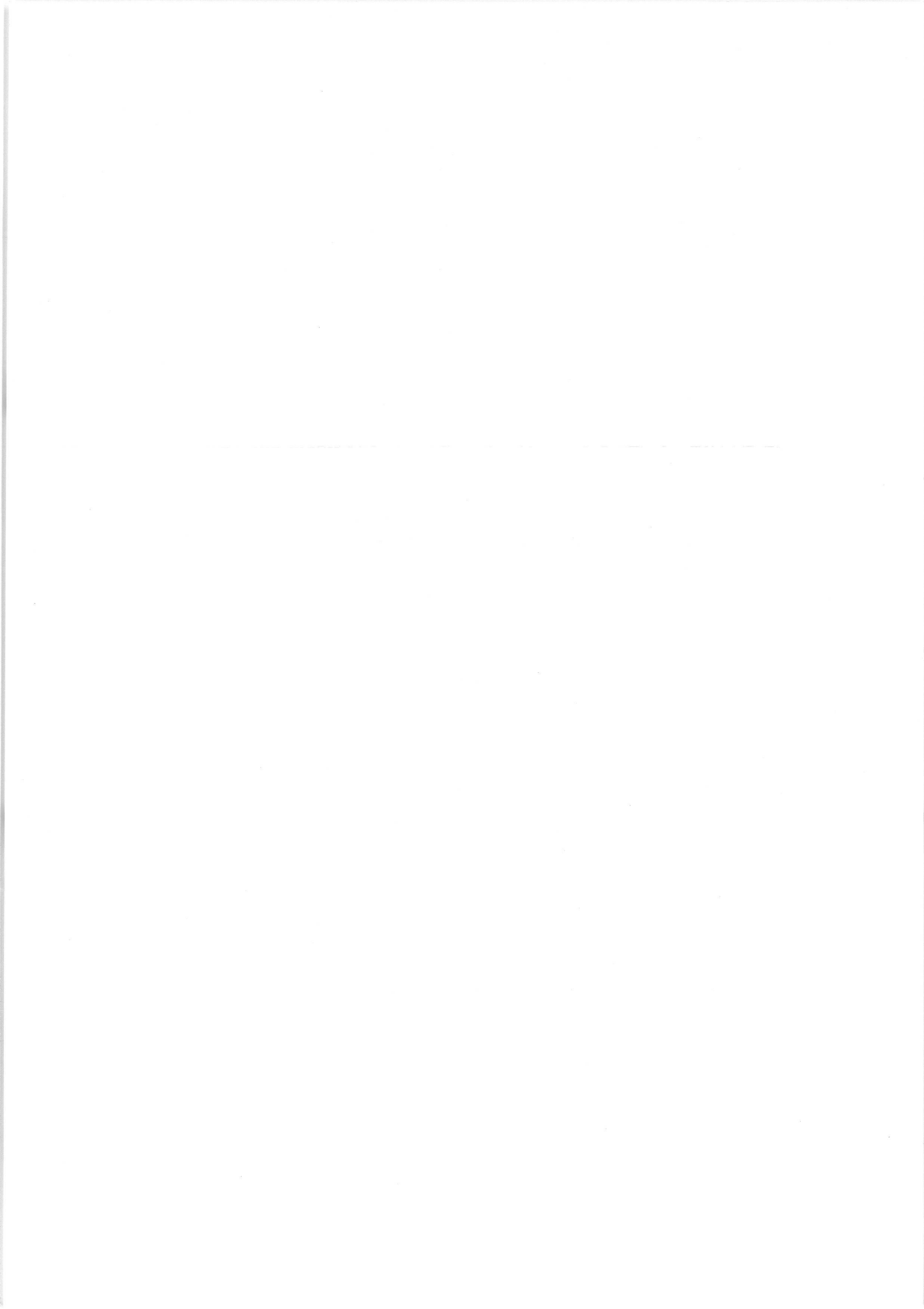




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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

A survey was conducted throughout Australia in June 1980 to obtain information on child care arrangements made by persons who were responsible for children under twelve years of age. Information obtained included marital and employment status of the person responsible, types and multiplicity of care (including after school care), cost and hours of care, the age and number of children receiving care, family types and income. The results of similar surveys conducted in May 1969, May 1973 and May 1977 were published in publications entitled *Child Care* (4402.0).

2. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the results of the June 1980 survey was published on 25 March 1981 (4401.0).

### Scope and coverage

3. The survey was conducted as part of the regular population survey which is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. Certain groups of persons such as occupants of non-private dwellings (e.g. hospitals, hotels, etc.) diplomatic personnel and persons from overseas touring or holidaying in Australia were excluded from the survey.

### Survey method

4. The information about child care was obtained through carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers from the person responsible for children under twelve years of age (see paragraph 5). If the person responsible for children under twelve years of age was not available for interview another responsible adult answered on his or her behalf. Interviews were carried out over a period of two weeks commencing 9 June 1980.

### Definitions

5. The *person responsible* for children under twelve years of age was taken to be the mother if she normally resided at that private dwelling. If the mother was not normally resident at that private dwelling then the information was sought from the person who was mainly responsible for the children under twelve years of age.

6. A *family unit* for the purposes of this survey is defined as a unit containing children under twelve years of age and a person responsible for those children (together with that person's spouse and older children resident in the dwelling). Throughout this publication, spouse refers to the spouse of the person responsible for the children within a *family unit* and *family type* refers to one parent or two parent families.

7. *Parents* for the purposes of this survey are defined as the *person responsible* for children under twelve years of age, and that person's spouse, if any.

8. *Child care* relates to all arrangements made for children under twelve years of age for all times Monday to Friday of the week before interview when the children were not in the care of the person responsible.

(a) *Formal care* relates to arrangements made for the care of children at a pre-school or at a centre such as a creche, playgroup, kindergarten or occasional care centre.

(b) *Informal care* includes any care arrangement where children were cared for by the spouse of the person responsible, older children (that is, children aged 12 to 17 years in that dwelling), or other relative of the person responsible for the children, or by another person.

9. *Main type of care* is the designated care arrangement (other than care by the person responsible) utilising the most number of hours.

10. *Cost of care* is money paid directly for care other than care by either spouse or older children.

11. *Income group* refers to the range applicable to the combined gross weekly income of the person responsible for the children and that person's spouse (if any).

12. Definitions of labour force categories used in this statement are the same as those used in the labour force survey. More details can be found in the publication *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

(a) *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (i) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (ii) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or were
- (iii) employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (iv) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

(b) *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (i) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:
  - were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

- were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;

or (ii) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

- (c) The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.
- (d) *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed', as defined above. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions, trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

13. *Family labour force status* consists of four categories:

- (a) All parents employed full-time;
- (b) All parents employed, at least one part-time;
- (c) One parent employed the other not;
- (d) All parents not employed.

14. *Parents' country of birth* has been classified as either:

- (a) Australia;
- (b) a mainly English speaking country;
- (c) a Non-English speaking country.

The following categories have been used to classify a family unit in respect of the parents' country of birth; 'All parents Australian born'; 'At least one parent born in a non-English speaking (NES) country'; 'No parents born in a non-English speaking country' (e.g. an Australian born husband and his New Zealand born wife). These classifications include both single parent and two parent families.

#### Collection methodology

15. For children not at school, details of child care arrangements were collected for the eldest three children individually but not in respect of any other children not at school (only a very small number of families have four or more children less than twelve years of age not at school). Cost information was obtained in respect of all children not at school, collectively.

16. For children at school, details of child care arrangements were not collected individually for each child but for all children under twelve years of age at school collectively. Thus the number of hours of care is the sum of the number of hours all children spent in each particular care type. Similarly, cost information was only obtained in respect of all children.

#### Reliability of the estimates

17. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical note.

#### Related publications

18. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*Child Care, May 1977* (4402.0)

An up-to-date list of population survey reports is given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

19. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
- .. not applicable

20. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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## ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

This publication presents data on the use of child care arrangements. It examines the types of child care arrangements made by different family units and looks at characteristics of the person responsible for children within family units.

Family units are examined in terms of whether they have children attending school or not attending school (because of the differing child care needs of these families). Statistical information on persons responsible for children within family units is also taken into account in considering the different patterns of child care usage.

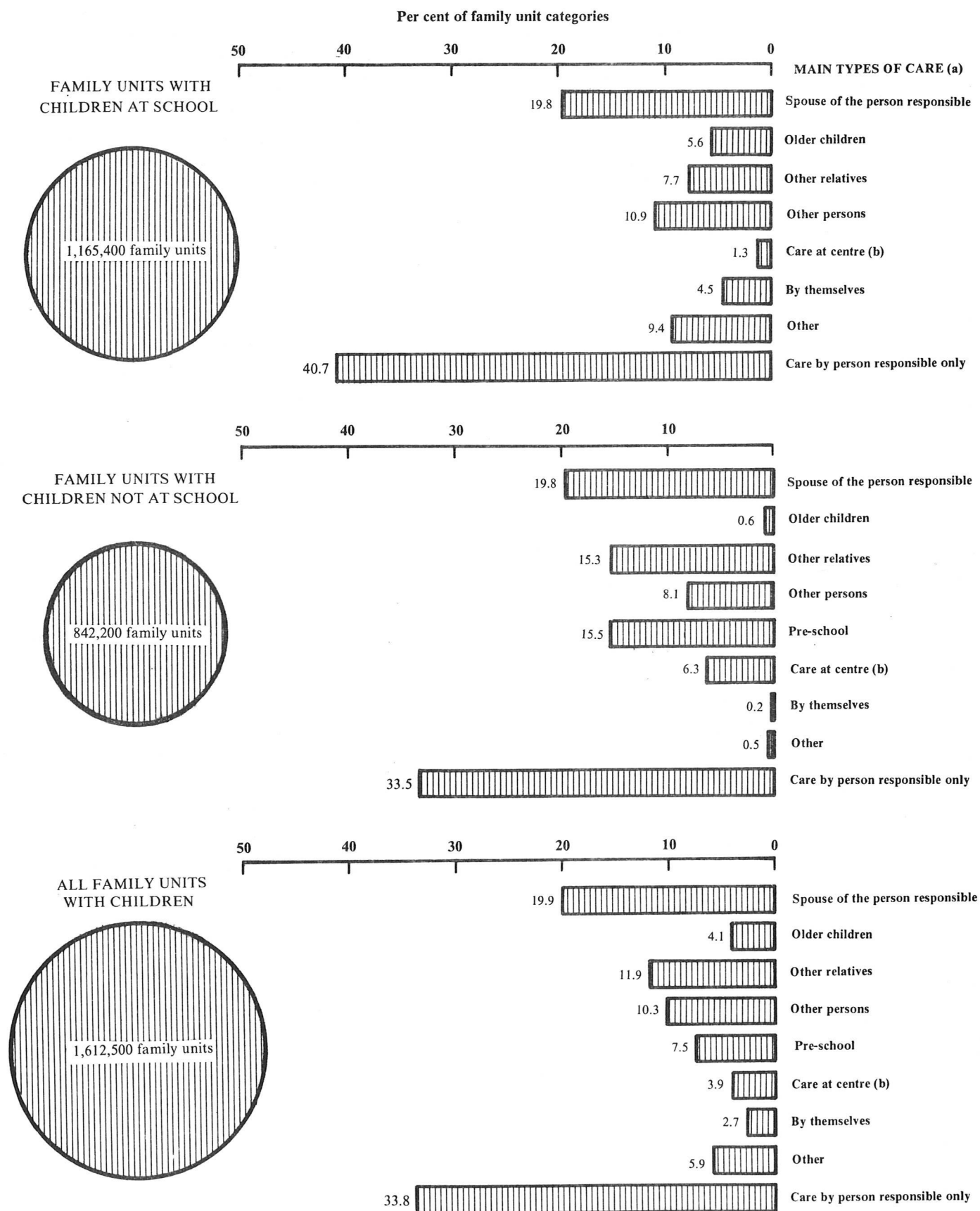
The following diagrams and commentary illustrate some of the findings of the survey.

Diagram 1 looks at the main type of care used by family units. Of the estimated total of 1,612,500 family units, 1,067,500 (66 per cent) family units made some

arrangements for child care during the survey period. The main type of care used was care by the spouse of the person responsible. The survey estimates that approximately 320,300 (20 per cent) family units use this as their main type of care. For the remaining types of care, there are marked differences in use between types of family units. For example, formal care (pre-school or centre) is the main type of care for approximately 184,300 (22 per cent) of family units with children not at school but it is the main type of care for an estimated 15,000 (less than 2 per cent) family units with children at school.

Diagram 2 examines family units by the number of hours that they employed their main type of child care. The larger percentages of family units in the categories *greater than 10 hours per week* show that family units with children not at school tend to make more use of their main types of care than family units with children at school.

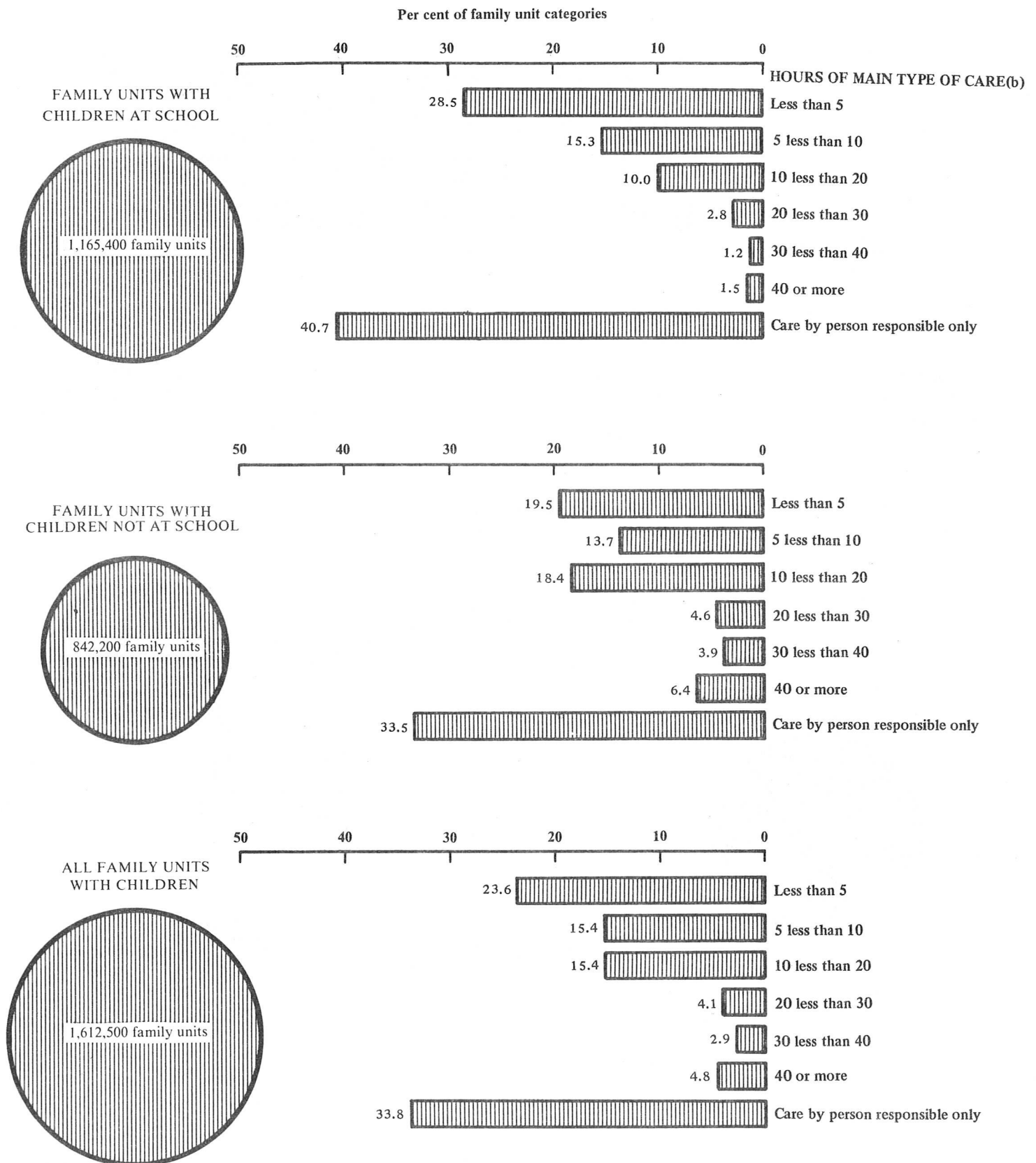
DIAGRAM 1. FAMILY UNITS: MAIN TYPE OF CARE USED, JUNE 1980



(a) Although not defined as care in this survey, the category 'care by person responsible only' has been included in this diagram for ease of analysis.

(b) Pre-schools not statistically significant.

DIAGRAM 2. FAMILY UNITS: HOURS OF MAIN TYPE OF CARE USED (a) PER WEEK, JUNE 1980



(a) Hours of care was recorded for care types other than 'care by person responsible only'.

(b) Although not defined as care in this survey, the category 'care by person responsible' has been included in this diagram for ease of analysis.

**DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE:  
EMPLOYMENT STATUS, MAY 1969, 1973, 1977, AND JUNE 1980.**

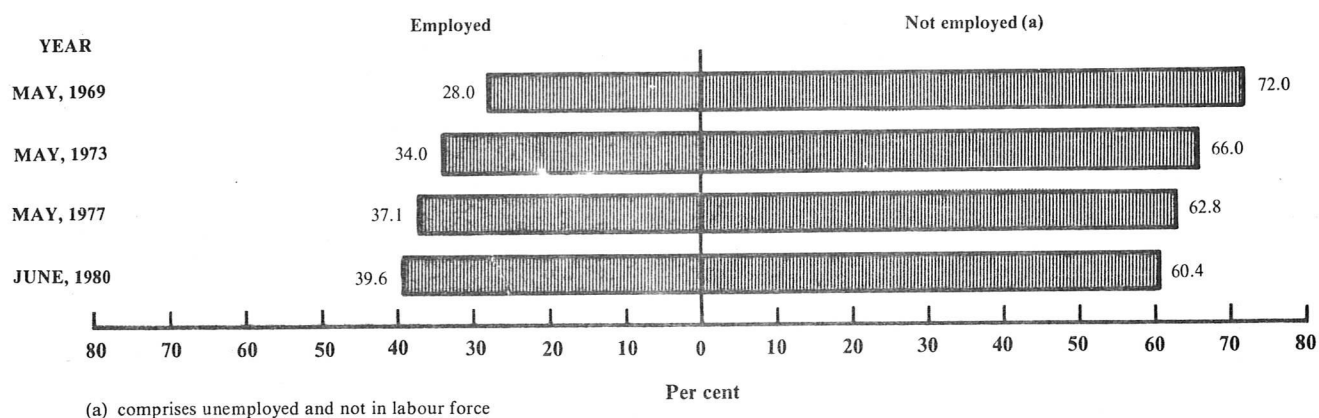
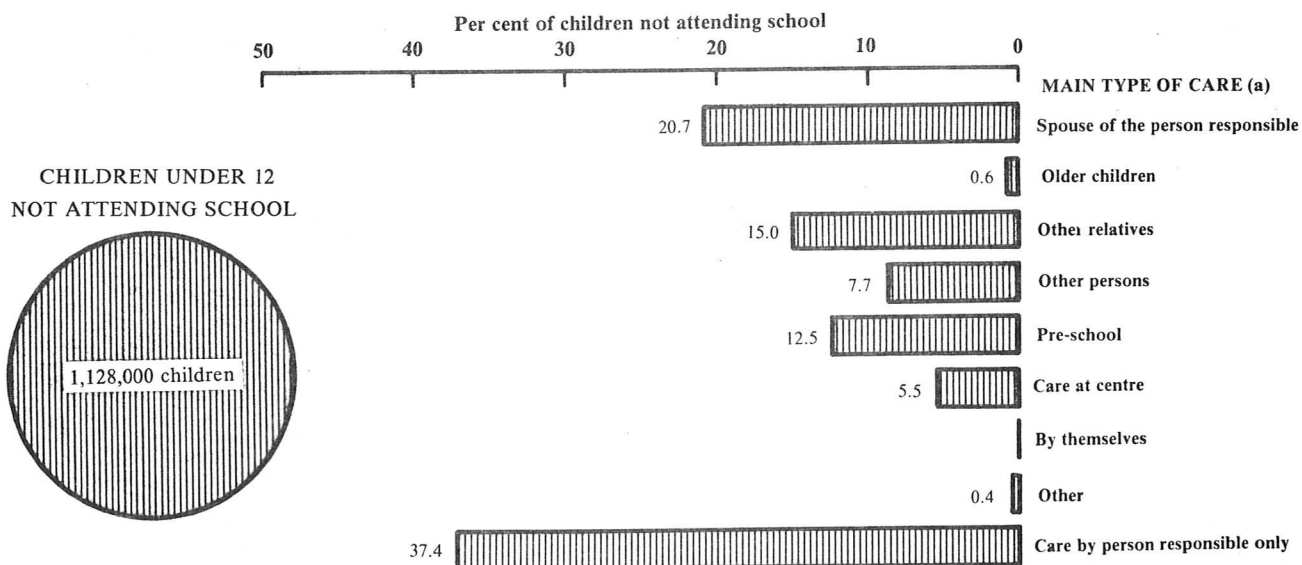


Diagram 3 looks at the employment status of persons responsible for children less than 12 years old. Since 1969, when 28.0 per cent of persons responsible for children less than 12 years of age were employed, the percentage has increased to approximately 40 per cent in 1980.

**DIAGRAM 4. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL:  
MAIN TYPE OF CARE USED, JUNE 1980**

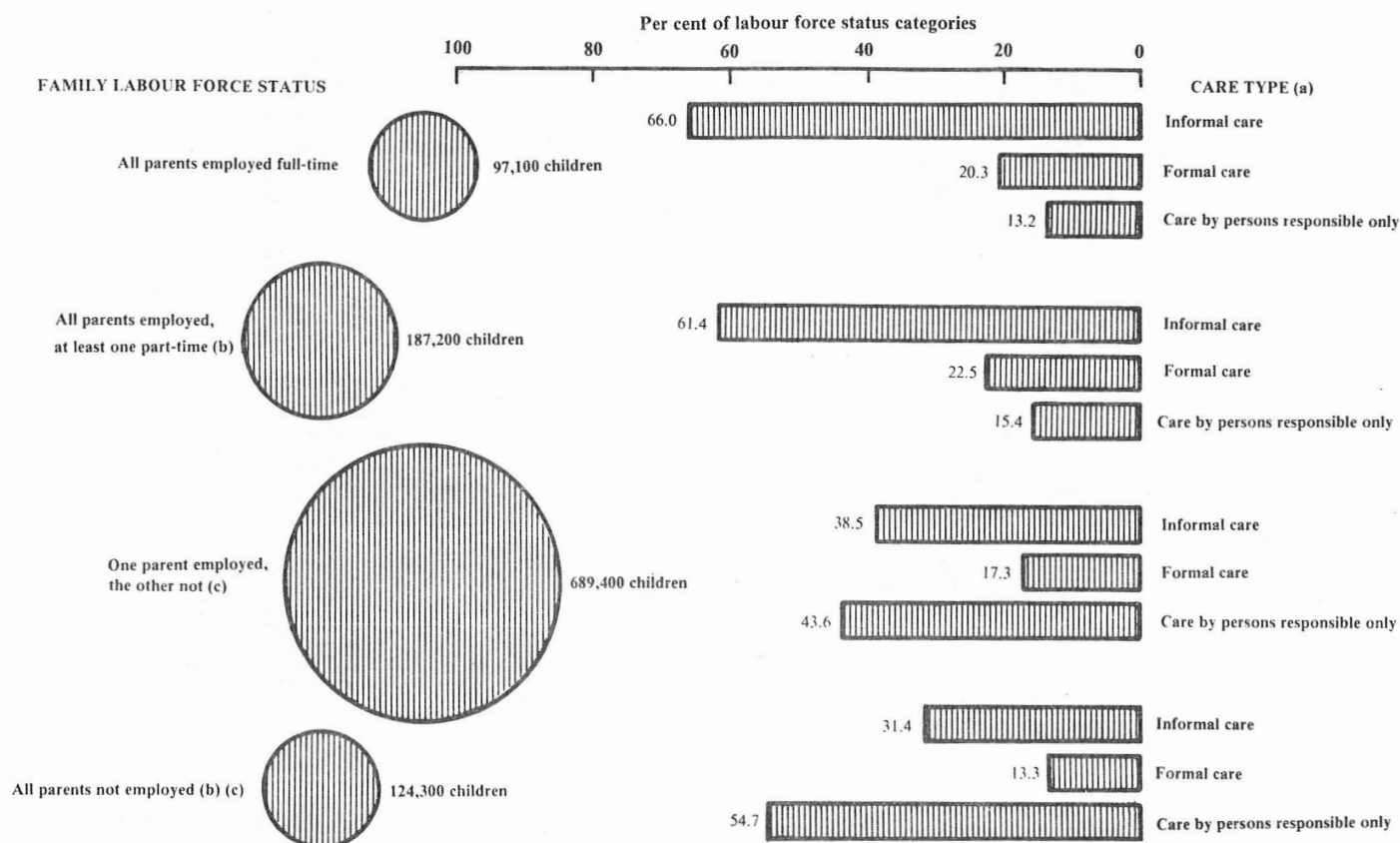


(a) Although not defined as care in this survey, the category 'care by person responsible' has been included in this diagram for ease of analysis

Diagram 4 examines the main type of care for children less than 12 years old not attending school. The survey estimates that there were 1,128,000 children in this category in June 1980 of which 37.4 per cent were cared for mainly by the person responsible. 'Spouse of the person responsible', 'Other relatives' and 'Pre-school' care were the next most used type of care (together they were used for 48 per cent of children not attending school).



DIAGRAM 5. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL:  
FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY CARE TYPE, JUNE 1980



(a) Although not defined as care in this survey, the category 'care by person responsible' has been included in this diagram for ease of analysis.

(b) Note that children of one parent families are counted in 'All parents.....' depending on that parent's labour force status.

(c) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.

Diagram 5 looks at the particular influence of family labour force status on the use of care for children less than 12 years old not attending school. From the diagram the most noticeable feature is the differences between the percentages of children placed in an informal care type and the percentages of children who were not placed in any type of care at all (i.e. were cared for by the responsible person only).

Of the children with all parents employed full-time, 66 per cent were placed in an informal care type, whereas only 31.4 per cent of children with all parents unemployed were placed in this type of care. Conversely only 13.2 per cent of children with all parents employed full-time did not use a type of care whilst 54.7 per cent of children with all parents unemployed did not use a type of care (i.e. were cared for by the responsible person only).

DIAGRAM 6. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL:  
FORMAL CARE BY HOURS OF CARE, JUNE 1980

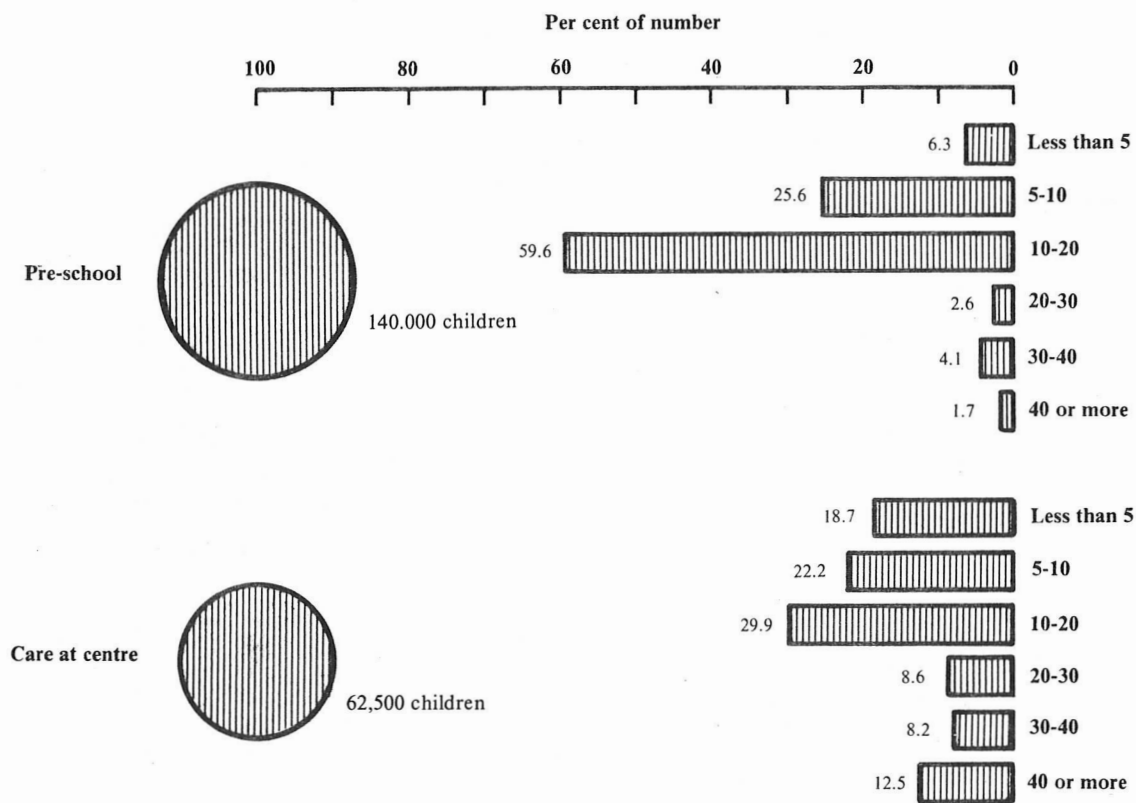


Diagram 6 relates to the number of children using 'formal care' as their main type of care. For those children using mainly 'pre-school' care, about 60 per cent attended between 10 and 20 hours per week, and approximately 26 per cent attended between 5 and 10 hours per week. For children mainly using 'care at centre', 18 per cent attended less than 5 hours per week, 22 per cent between 5 and 10 hours per week and 30 per cent between 10 and 20 hours per week.

# SECTION 1. FAMILY UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

This section contains details of the family units and their use of child care arrangements. Initially, characteristics of the family unit are examined in terms of the number of children under 12 years of age attending school and not attending school, family type, country of birth of parents, and differences across States. Then the different uses of child care arrangements made by family units are examined. Finally, some details on the cost of child care are given.

TABLE 1. FAMILY UNITS BY CHILDRENS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1980  
( ' 000)

Number of children attending school by number of children not attending school	States								Australia
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	
No children at school and children not at school—									
One child	96.4	73.4	39.5	22.7	26.1	9.5	2.7	6.0	276.2
Two children	48.9	39.8	25.9	11.5	17.3	4.4	1.6	2.4	151.8
Three or more children	7.3	4.2	4.1	*	*	*	*	*	19.0
Total family units	152.8	117.4	69.5	35.1	44.4	14.2	4.6	9.1	447.1
One child at school and children not at school—									
No children	144.4	116.3	59.1	38.0	33.8	11.7	4.0	5.6	412.7
One child	70.1	48.2	30.7	17.9	16.5	5.5	*	3.8	194.0
Two children	19.6	14.7	9.4	4.7	4.5	1.4	*	*	56.1
Three or more children	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.9
Total family units	236.0	180.2	100.0	60.9	55.2	18.7	6.1	10.7	667.8
Two children at school and children not at school—									
No children	97.7	77.8	39.8	28.5	25.2	7.8	1.5	5.5	283.7
One child	33.2	20.4	17.9	7.6	7.5	3.2	*	1.6	92.2
Two or more children	7.1	6.4	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	21.1
Total family units	138.1	104.6	61.0	37.2	34.9	11.3	2.8	7.1	397.0
Three or more children at school and children not at school—									
No children	28.5	19.0	9.8	5.2	6.2	2.7	*	1.6	73.8
One or more children	7.8	8.5	5.4	*	2.5	*	*	*	26.6
Total family units	36.2	27.5	15.2	6.4	8.7	3.5	*	1.9	100.6
Total by number of children not at school—									
No children	270.6	213.0	108.7	71.7	65.1	22.2	6.4	12.6	770.3
One child	205.5	148.6	91.6	49.3	52.2	18.8	5.1	11.6	582.7
Two children	76.4	62.1	40.4	17.3	24.3	6.2	2.9	3.5	233.1
Three or more children	10.6	6.1	5.0	*	1.5	*	*	*	26.4
Total family units	563.1	429.8	245.6	139.5	143.2	47.7	14.7	28.9	1,612.5

**TABLE 2. FAMILY UNITS BY CHILDRENS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND FAMILY INCOME GROUP(a),  
AUSTRALIA, 1980  
( ' 000)**

Number of children attending school by number of children not attending school	Income group \$(a)								Total
	Less than 80	80-119	120-159	160-199	200-239	240-299	300 or more	Not stated	
No children at school and children not at school—									
One child	26.3	16.5	18.1	35.1	45.2	49.9	70.5	14.7	276.2
Two children	2.1	8.9	8.5	18.0	32.4	31.1	41.2	9.6	151.8
Three or more children	*	*	2.7	*	3.4	3.5	5.3	*	19.0
Total family units	28.7	25.6	29.4	54.6	81.0	84.5	117.0	26.4	447.1
One child at school and children not at school—									
No children	20.2	24.0	23.3	37.7	56.3	59.5	151.4	40.4	412.7
One child	5.4	10.8	12.5	19.0	29.8	36.8	64.1	15.7	194.0
Two children	*	*	*	7.9	10.2	10.3	16.3	4.4	56.1
Three or more children	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.9
Total family units	26.7	37.4	39.5	64.9	97.6	108.1	232.9	60.6	667.8
Two children at school and children not at school—									
No children	5.9	19.4	16.2	24.2	39.2	47.1	105.4	26.4	283.7
One child	*	4.3	6.6	11.2	15.7	17.5	28.2	7.0	92.2
Two or more children	*	*	*	*	*	3.6	4.6	*	21.1
Total family units	8.0	24.5	25.2	38.7	58.3	68.2	138.3	35.8	397.0
Three or more children at school and children not at school—									
No children	*	5.9	5.6	8.3	9.0	11.9	23.4	8.0	73.8
One or more children	*	*	2.6	2.9	3.9	3.5	8.9	2.8	26.8
Total family units	*	7.7	8.2	11.2	12.9	15.4	32.3	10.8	100.6
Total by number of children not at school—									
No children	27.7	49.2	45.1	70.3	104.6	118.5	280.2	74.7	770.3
One child	33.7	32.8	38.7	67.8	93.5	106.7	170.2	39.3	582.7
Two children	3.7	12.5	15.3	29.3	46.6	45.8	62.8	17.0	233.1
Three or more children	*	*	3.3	*	5.1	5.2	7.3	2.5	26.4
Total family units	65.3	95.3	102.3	169.4	249.8	276.2	520.5	133.6	1,612.5

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 11, for definition of income group.

**TABLE 3. FAMILY UNITS BY CHILDRENS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a),  
AUSTRALIA, 1980  
( ' 000)**

Number of children attending school by number of children not attending school	Family labour force status(a)					Total
	All parents employed full-time	One parent employed, the other not(b)	All parents not employed (b)	All parents employed, at least one part-time	Not determined	
No children at school and children not at school—						
One child	38.3	146.7	43.9	40.3	7.0	276.2
Two children	8.1	104.4	11.2	24.8	3.3	151.8
Three or more children	*	13.1	2.6	*	*	19.0
Total family units	46.6	264.2	57.7	67.4	11.2	447.1
One child at school and children not at school—						
No children	111.6	147.8	44.5	103.1	5.7	412.7
One child	24.1	103.4	17.7	42.0	6.9	194.0
Two children	2.7	38.5	5.5	8.2	*	56.1
Three or more children	*	*	*	*	*	4.9
Total family units	138.3	293.3	68.1	153.9	14.3	667.8
Two children at school and children not at school—						
No children	59.2	110.1	28.9	79.3	6.3	283.7
One child	5.8	56.4	6.7	20.6	*	92.2
Two or more children	*	14.0	3.4	*	*	21.1
Total family units	66.7	180.6	38.9	101.8	9.0	397.0
Three or more children at school and children not at school—						
No children	13.1	29.2	10.3	19.5	*	73.8
One or more children	*	13.4	5.1	5.1	*	26.8
Total family units	16.1	42.6	15.3	24.6	*	100.6
Total by number of children not at school—						
No children	183.8	287.1	83.7	201.9	13.7	770.3
One child	70.7	316.0	71.7	107.6	16.6	582.7
Two children	12.9	159.2	21.2	35.0	4.8	233.1
Three or more children	*	18.3	3.4	3.2	*	26.4
Total family units	267.7	780.7	180.0	347.7	36.4	1,612.5

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (b) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in labour force.

**TABLE 4. FAMILY UNITS BY CHILDRENS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PARENTS COUNTRY OF BIRTH(a), AUSTRALIA, 1980 (' 000)**

Number of children attending school by number of children not attending school	Parents country of birth				Total
	All parents Australian born	At least one parent born in N.E.S.(b) country	No parents born in N.E.S.(b) country	Not determined	
No children at school and children not at school—					
One child	171.7	55.6	41.9	7.0	276.2
Two children	98.5	30.3	19.7	3.3	151.8
Three or more children	12.1	3.0	3.1	*	19.0
Total family units	282.3	89.0	64.7	11.2	447.1
One child at school and children not at school—					
No children	248.6	98.9	59.6	5.7	412.7
One child	113.9	44.7	28.6	6.9	194.0
Two children	33.7	14.0	7.2	*	56.1
Three or more children	2.8	*	*	*	5.0
Total family units	399.0	158.3	96.2	14.3	667.8
Two children at school and children not at school—					
No children	174.9	59.0	43.6	6.3	283.8
One child	60.4	18.6	10.6	2.6	92.2
Two or more children	13.4	4.2	3.2	*	21.1
Total family units	248.8	81.9	57.3	9.0	397.0
Three or more children at school and children not at school—					
No children	46.6	12.6	12.8	*	73.8
One or more children	17.4	6.0	3.1	*	26.8
Total family units	64.0	18.7	16.0	*	100.6
Total by number of children not at school—					
No children	470.1	170.5	115.9	13.7	770.3
One child	358.9	123.6	83.6	16.6	582.7
Two children	148.9	49.2	30.3	4.8	233.1
Three or more children	16.2	4.6	4.3	*	26.4
Total family units	994.1	347.8	234.2	36.4	1,612.5

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 14, for explanations of parents' country of birth. (b) Non-English speaking.

**TABLE 5. FAMILY UNITS BY FAMILY TYPE AND CHILDRENS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, AUSTRALIA, 1980 (' 000)**

Number of children not attending school	Number of children attending school				Total
	None	One	Two	Three or more	
ONE PARENT FAMILIES					
None	..	64.9	32.1	8.6	105.6
One	41.9	15.0	4.2	*	62.6
Two	6.2	*	*	*	10.0
Three or more	*	*	*	*	*
Total	48.9	82.1	37.2	10.8	179.0
TWO PARENT FAMILIES					
None	..	347.8	251.7	65.3	664.7
One	234.4	179.0	87.9	18.7	520.1
Two	145.6	54.0	18.6	4.9	223.1
Three or more	18.2	4.9	*	*	25.5
Total	398.2	585.7	359.8	89.8	1,433.5
TOTAL					
None	..	412.7	283.8	73.8	770.3
One	276.2	194.0	92.2	20.2	582.7
Two	151.8	56.1	19.6	5.7	233.1
Three or more	19.0	5.0	*	*	26.4
Total	447.1	667.8	397.0	100.6	1,612.5

TABLE 6. FAMILY UNITS BY TYPES OF CARE(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1980  
( ' 000)

Types of care	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD AT SCHOOL(b)									
For children at school—									
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	100.8	80.5	42.8	29.3	26.8	7.8	3.0	6.4	297.6
Older children(c)	33.5	20.7	13.7	7.5	9.3	2.1	*	2.8	100.6
Other relatives	42.6	32.6	19.4	11.6	9.6	3.1	*	*	120.7
Other persons	60.0	55.8	30.8	16.1	18.5	3.9	2.0	4.7	191.8
Formal care—									
Pre-school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care at centre(d)	8.8	6.7	3.6	2.2	1.6	*	*	*	24.1
By themselves	30.6	30.8	15.2	7.3	11.1	2.0	1.2	1.7	100.0
Other(e)	66.7	58.8	31.8	24.9	24.4	4.1	*	4.0	215.4
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD NOT AT SCHOOL(b)									
For children not at school—									
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	92.3	83.6	46.1	27.2	28.6	8.0	2.8	6.4	295.2
Older children(c)	3.7	3.9	2.0	*	1.5	*	*	*	13.0
Other relatives	65.6	52.8	33.6	18.8	18.4	6.0	*	2.4	198.3
Other persons	42.0	34.7	20.2	11.4	13.8	3.1	1.7	4.2	131.2
Formal care—									
Pre-school	52.2	49.2	29.2	12.0	14.6	3.3	1.4	4.2	166.0
Care at centre(d)	10.8	20.2	21.9	9.4	9.7	2.1	1.7	3.2	79.1
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.2
Other(e)	*	*	2.7	1.5	*	*	*	*	9.6
ALL FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN(b)									
For all children—									
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	162.3	140.3	73.2	47.8	47.0	13.3	5.1	10.6	499.5
Older children(c)	36.3	33.4	14.8	8.0	10.4	2.5	*	2.9	109.4
Other relatives	96.8	77.5	47.0	26.3	25.6	8.3	*	3.2	285.8
Other persons	93.9	82.4	46.8	24.8	28.9	6.2	3.5	7.9	294.4
Formal care—									
Pre-school	52.8	49.2	29.2	12.0	14.6	3.3	1.4	4.2	166.7
Care at centre(d)	18.9	26.5	25.3	11.2	11.1	2.5	2.0	3.3	100.8
By themselves	31.7	31.4	15.4	7.5	11.5	2.0	1.2	1.7	102.5
Other(e)	68.0	60.6	34.0	26.2	25.1	4.2	*	4.2	222.8

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arrangements made for the children in the family unit in the reference week and any family unit may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of times care arrangements were utilised and not the number of family units. (b) Note that the third category, 'All family units with children', is not the total of the first two since a family unit may be counted in both of the first two categories. (c) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (d) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (e) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc.; excludes 'Care by person responsible only'.

TABLE 7. FAMILY UNITS BY TYPES OF CARE(a) AND HOURS OF CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1980  
( ' 000)

Types of care	Number of hours of care per week for each type of care						Total
	Less than 5	5 to less than 10	10 to less than 20	20 to less than 30	30 to less than 40	40 or more	
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD AT SCHOOL(b)							
For children at school—							
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	158.5	67.6	38.8	14.8	6.6	11.3	297.6
Older children(c)	52.1	30.9	13.6	2.4	*	*	100.6
Other relatives	45.6	33.2	27.6	6.8	2.9	4.5	120.7
Other persons	110.0	43.0	28.8	6.8	*	*	191.8
Formal care—							
Pre-school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care at centre(d)	14.0	5.1	3.2	*	*	*	24.1
By themselves	66.8	21.4	10.0	*	*	*	100.0
Other(e)	173.1	31.6	6.6	*	*	*	215.4
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD NOT AT SCHOOL(b)							
For children not at school—							
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	171.4	65.7	33.1	10.5	5.6	8.9	295.2
Other children(c)	8.5	2.4	*	*	*	*	13.0
Other relatives	80.1	46.7	27.4	14.1	9.8	20.3	198.3
Other persons	57.2	25.7	18.5	6.8	7.4	15.6	131.2
Formal care—							
Pre-school	14.4	45.5	93.9	4.0	5.8	2.4	166.0
Care at centre(d)	24.3	15.1	21.5	5.0	5.5	7.7	79.1
By themselves	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	4.2
Other(e)	4.7	*	*	*	*	*	9.6
ALL FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN(b)							
For all children—							
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	247.2	120.8	73.7	22.8	11.9	23.2	499.5
Other children(c)	56.8	33.3	14.2	3.1	*	*	109.4
Other relatives	103.1	70.8	53.1	19.7	13.8	25.3	285.8
Other persons	148.1	58.5	46.2	13.9	9.3	18.4	294.4
Formal care—							
Pre-school	14.4	45.0	94.3	4.2	6.3	2.6	166.7
Care at centre(d)	36.1	20.5	23.9	6.2	6.0	8.0	100.8
By themselves	68.2	21.7	10.4	*	*	*	102.5
Other(e)	175.4	32.5	7.9	2.5	2.5	1.9	222.8

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arrangements made for the children in the family unit in the reference week and any family unit may be counted in several care types. No attempt had, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of times care arrangements were utilised and not the number of family units. Direct comparison of such total with those published in Table 8, would be invalid. (b) Note that the third category 'All family units with children', is not the total of the first two since a family unit may be counted in both of the first two categories. (c) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (d) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (e) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc.; excludes 'care by person responsible'.

TABLE 8. FAMILY UNITS BY MAIN TYPE OF CARE(a) AND HOURS OF MAIN CARE,  
AUSTRALIA, 1980  
(<sup>0</sup> 000)

Main type of care	Number of hours of main type of care per week						Total
	Less than 5	5 to less than 10	10 to less than 20	20 to less than 30	30 to less than 40	40 or more	
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD AT SCHOOL(b)							
For children at school—							
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	106.9	55.6	36.6	14.1	6.6	11.3	231.0
Older children(c)	27.1	23.0	12.0	*	*	*	65.3
Other relatives	24.9	26.8	25.4	6.6	2.4	4.2	90.3
Other persons	59.1	34.5	25.2	6.0	*	*	127.4
Total	217.9	139.9	99.1	28.9	11.7	16.6	514.1
Formal care—							
Pre-school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care at centre(d)	6.0	3.7	2.1	*	*	*	13.4
Total	6.0	3.7	3.5	*	*	*	15.0
By themselves	27.4	15.2	8.7	*	*	*	52.9
Other(e)	81.3	19.9	5.0	*	*	*	109.4
Total family units using care	332.7	178.7	116.3	32.2	13.8	17.7	691.4
Care by person responsible only	..	..	..	..	..	..	474.0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,165.4
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD NOT AT SCHOOL(b)							
For children not at school—							
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	89.5	32.9	21.6	9.6	4.8	8.7	167.2
Older children(c)	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	5.5
Other relatives	39.0	28.0	20.8	12.1	9.4	19.7	129.0
Other persons	16.0	11.8	12.2	6.7	6.9	15.0	68.5
Total	147.7	73.5	55.6	28.7	21.1	43.6	370.2
Formal care—							
Pre-school	8.5	31.4	79.1	3.8	5.7	2.4	130.9
Care at centre(d)	7.4	9.9	18.7	4.9	5.1	7.5	53.4
Total	15.9	41.4	97.8	8.6	10.8	9.9	184.3
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other(e)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total family units using care	164.6	115.3	154.6	38.6	32.7	54.1	559.9
Care by person responsible only	..	..	..	..	..	..	282.3
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	842.2
ALL FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN(b)							
For all children—							
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	136.0	75.4	54.9	20.1	11.1	22.8	320.3
Older children(c)	27.1	23.1	12.0	*	*	*	65.7
Other relatives	50.7	44.7	42.7	17.8	12.4	24.1	192.5
Other persons	58.6	35.0	33.4	12.5	8.4	17.7	165.5
Total	272.4	178.2	143.1	52.8	32.8	64.7	744.0
Formal care—							
Pre-school	6.5	28.2	74.3	4.0	6.1	2.6	121.7
Care at centre(d)	12.5	12.2	19.5	5.7	5.4	7.8	63.1
Total	19.0	40.4	93.8	9.8	11.5	10.4	184.8
By themselves	22.7	12.7	7.2	*	*	*	44.1
Other(e)	66.8	17.1	5.1	*	*	*	94.6
Total family units using care	380.9	248.3	249.1	65.7	46.6	76.8	1,067.5
Care by person responsible only	..	..	..	..	..	..	545.0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,612.5

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 9, for definition of main type of care. (b) Note that the third category, 'All family units with children', is not the total of the first two since a family unit may be counted in both of the first two categories. (c) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (d) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (e) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc.



**TABLE 9. FAMILY UNITS BY TYPES OF CARE(a) AND FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS(b),  
AUSTRALIA, 1980  
( ' 000)**

Types of care	Family labour force status(a)					Total
	All parents employed full-time	One parent employed, the other not(c)	All parents not employed (c)	All parents employed, at least one part-time	Not determined	
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD AT SCHOOL(d)						
For children at school—						
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	81.0	111.5	10.1	88.9	6.1	297.6
Older children(e)	43.0	23.2	5.9	26.5	*	100.6
Other relatives	42.6	34.4	9.3	32.4	*	120.7
Other persons	46.9	71.5	15.1	51.8	6.5	191.8
Formal care—						
Pre-school	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care at centre(f)	6.9	9.4	*	6.6	*	24.1
By themselves	32.7	30.6	8.5	26.6	*	100.0
Other(g)	39.2	96.1	15.0	60.9	4.2	215.4
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD NOT AT SCHOOL(d)						
For children not at school—						
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	34.1	162.2	15.2	76.2	7.4	295.2
Older children(e)	*	*	*	*	*	6.6
Other relatives	32.6	93.5	18.3	50.4	3.4	198.3
Other persons	26.5	55.7	7.9	37.0	4.1	131.2
Formal care—						
Pre-school	15.2	96.3	12.0	37.2	5.2	166.0
Care at centre(f)	13.5	36.5	5.7	21.8	*	79.1
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	4.2
Other(g)	*	5.7	*	*	*	9.6
ALL FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN(d)						
For all children—						
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	103.6	224.3	22.1	138.4	11.1	499.4
Older children(e)	45.0	26.7	6.3	29.3	*	109.4
Other relatives	68.1	114.5	26.1	72.2	4.9	285.8
Other persons	67.4	117.9	21.2	78.3	9.6	294.4
Formal care—						
Pre-school	15.7	96.3	12.0	37.5	5.2	166.7
Care at centre(f)	19.8	45.0	6.7	27.5	*	100.8
By themselves	32.7	31.4	8.9	27.4	*	102.5
Other(g)	39.8	100.6	15.4	62.7	4.3	222.8

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arrangements made for the children in the family unit in the reference week and any family unit may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of times care arrangements were utilised and not the number of family units. Direct comparison of such totals with those published in Table 10, would be invalid. (b) See Explanatory note, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (c) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (d) Note the third category, 'All family units with children', is not the total of the first two since a family may be counted in both of the first two categories. (e) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (f) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (g) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc, excludes 'Care by person responsible'.

**TABLE 10. FAMILY UNITS BY MAIN TYPE OF CARE(a) AND FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS(b),  
AUSTRALIA, 1980  
( ' 000)**

Main type of care	Family labour force status(a)					Total
	All parents employed full-time	One parent employed, the other not(c)	All parents not employed (c)	All parents employed, at least one part-time	Not determined	
FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN AT SCHOOL(d)						
For children at school—						
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	57.6	90.2	8.0	70.5	4.8	231.0
Older children(e)	29.1	13.9	4.4	16.9	*	65.3
Other relatives	33.3	23.9	9.0	22.8	*	90.3
Other persons	30.3	47.0	12.3	32.9	4.8	127.4
Total	150.2	174.9	33.6	143.1	12.1	514.1
Formal care—						
Pre-school	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care at centre(f)	4.4	5.4	*	*	*	13.4
Total	4.8	6.0	*	*	*	15.0
By themselves	15.7	18.4	5.2	12.9	*	52.9
Other(g)	11.7	58.1	9.5	27.8	2.4	109.4
Total family units using care	182.5	257.4	49.0	187.2	15.3	691.4
Care by person responsible only	38.6	259.0	73.3	93.1	9.9	474.0
Total	221.1	516.4	122.3	280.3	25.2	1,165.4
FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL(d)						
For children not at school—						
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	11.9	99.3	11.2	39.9	4.9	167.2
Older children(e)	*	2.5	*	*	*	5.5
Other relatives	23.4	60.8	13.5	28.8	2.5	129.0
Other persons	18.9	23.8	4.7	19.1	*	68.5
Total	55.3	186.4	30.4	88.7	9.4	370.2
Formal care—						
Pre-school	6.8	84.2	10.7	25.1	4.1	130.8
Care at centre(f)	11.6	24.1	4.3	12.1	*	53.4
Total	18.4	108.2	15.0	37.2	5.5	184.3
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other(g)	*	2.7	*	*	*	4.0
Total family units using care	74.0	297.8	46.0	126.9	15.1	559.9
Care by person responsible only	9.8	195.7	50.3	18.9	7.6	282.3
Total	83.8	493.5	96.3	145.8	22.7	842.2
ALL FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN(d)						
For all children—						
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	60.2	146.6	16.2	89.5	7.8	320.3
Older children(e)	28.2	15.3	4.2	16.8	*	65.7
Other relatives	50.0	74.0	21.2	44.3	3.0	192.4
Other persons	43.0	58.8	14.6	42.9	6.2	165.5
Total	181.4	294.8	56.2	193.5	18.1	744.0
Formal care—						
Pre-school	6.3	79.1	9.9	22.5	3.9	121.7
Care at centre(f)	16.2	26.6	4.9	14.0	*	63.1
Total	22.5	105.7	14.9	36.5	5.3	184.8
By themselves	14.4	14.7	4.3	10.1	*	44.1
Other(g)	11.0	48.7	8.2	24.9	*	94.6
Total family units using care	229.3	463.9	83.5	265.1	25.7	1,067.5
Care by person responsible only	38.4	316.8	96.5	82.6	10.7	545.0
Total	267.7	780.7	180.0	347.7	36.4	1,612.5

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 9, for definition of main type of care. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (c) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in labour force. (d) Note the third category, 'All family units with children', is not the total of the first two since a family may be counted in both of the first two categories. (e) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (f) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (g) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc.

TABLE 11. FAMILY UNITS BY INCOME GROUP(a) AND COST OF CARE FOR CHILDREN,  
AUSTRALIA, 1980  
(' 000)

	Cost of care per week for all types of care (\$)(b)					
Income group (\$)	Nil	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 44	45 or more	Total
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD AT SCHOOL(c)						
Less than 80	7.2	*	*	*	*	8.6
80-119	19.5	3.6	*	*	*	24.5
120-159	16.3	4.6	*	*	*	23.4
160-199	28.6	8.0	*	*	*	38.7
200-239	39.2	11.6	4.4	2.3	*	57.7
240-299	53.4	17.1	6.2	*	*	78.4
300 or more	119.3	41.0	24.4	10.7	*	196.4
Not stated	25.6	6.7	3.3	*	*	37.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>(d)309.0</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>(d)465.1</b>
FAMILY UNITS WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD NOT AT SCHOOL(c)						
Less than 80	11.4	*	*	*	*	15.5
80-119	11.9	4.5	*	*	*	19.9
120-159	12.3	6.1	2.4	*	*	23.0
160-199	20.4	14.1	4.5	2.7	*	42.3
200-239	37.3	19.9	7.4	4.2	*	69.3
240-299	41.0	21.0	11.9	7.5	*	82.2
300 or more	55.0	30.5	29.8	43.9	5.1	164.4
Not stated	13.5	7.4	3.2	*	*	25.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>(e)202.8</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>(e)442.1</b>
ALL FAMILY UNITS WITH CHILDREN(c)						
Less than 80	16.9	2.6	*	*	*	22.1
80-119	28.9	7.5	2.4	*	*	41.3
120-159	24.9	10.5	3.1	3.4	*	42.2
160-199	43.2	20.8	5.6	3.6	*	73.8
200-239	65.4	29.7	10.7	6.8	*	113.2
240-299	79.4	33.5	18.3	9.4	*	141.3
300 or more	140.7	61.9	47.1	53.1	7.5	310.2
Not stated	32.8	12.9	6.4	2.4	*	55.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>(f)432.0</b>	<b>179.3</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>(f)799.3</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 11, for definition of income group. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 10, for definition of cost of care. (c) Note the third category, 'All family units with children', is not the total of the first two since a family may be counted in both of the first two categories. (d) Does not include 700,500 family units with children at school which used only care by spouse or older children, family units where the children were cared for exclusively by the person responsible at all relevant times during the reference week, or where the children were by themselves. (e) Does not include 400,100 family units with children not at school which used only care by spouse or older children, family units where the children were cared for exclusively by the person responsible at all relevant times during the reference week, or where the children were by themselves. (f) Does not include 813,200 family units with children which used only care by spouse or older children, family units where the children were cared for exclusively by the person responsible at all relevant times during the reference week, or where the children were by themselves.

## SECTION 2. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

This section contains details of the persons responsible for the children in the family unit. Data is given in respect of all persons responsible for children under 12 years of age, their employment status and the types of care that they used while they were at work.

**TABLE 12. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE: EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1969, 1973, 1977, JUNE 1980(a)**

<i>Number of children under 12 years for whom responsible</i>	<i>May 1969(b)</i>		<i>May 1973(b)</i>		<i>May 1977(b)</i>		<i>June 1980</i>	
	<i>(' 000)</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>(' 000)</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>(' 000)</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>(' 000)</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
<b>EMPLOYED</b>								
One	189.0	13.3	242.9	15.8	261.1	16.8	303.6	18.8
Two	134.6	9.5	187.6	12.2	227.0	14.6	246.7	15.3
Three or more	73.6	5.2	92.0	6.0	89.5	5.8	88.1	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>397.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>522.5</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>577.6</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>638.5</b>	<b>39.6</b>
<b>OTHER THAN EMPLOYED(c)</b>								
One	360.2	25.4	367.1	23.9	353.6	22.8	385.3	23.9
Two	358.2	25.3	372.5	24.3	400.6	25.8	382.9	23.7
Three or more	301.3	21.3	273.9	17.8	223.0	14.3	205.8	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,019.7</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>1,013.5</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>977.1</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>974.0</b>	<b>60.4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>								
One	549.2	38.8	610.0	39.7	614.6	39.5	689.0	42.7
Two	492.9	34.8	560.0	36.5	627.6	40.4	629.6	39.0
Three or more	374.9	26.5	365.9	23.8	312.5	20.1	293.5	18.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,417.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,536.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,554.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory notes. (b) The estimates for May 1969 and 1973 refer to persons aged 15 to 59 years, whereas those for May 1977 and June 1980 refer to persons aged 15 to 64 years. (c) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.

**TABLE 13. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : LABOUR FORCE  
STATUS(a) OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1980  
( ' 000)**

<i>Number and age of children for whom responsible</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<b>IN THE LABOUR FORCE</b>									
Under 6 years(b)—									
One	83.1	65.5	33.9	18.8	20.4	6.5	2.8	4.9	235.8
Two or more	26.7	23.9	13.1	6.1	7.9	2.1	*	*	82.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>317.9</b>
6-11 years(c)—									
One	112.7	90.2	45.9	27.0	28.2	8.7	4.1	6.2	322.9
Two or more	65.2	55.1	33.0	16.7	19.0	4.9	2.2	4.6	200.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>177.9</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>523.6</b>
Under 12 years—									
One	115.9	94.9	43.6	27.7	28.7	8.8	3.7	6.7	330.0
Two or more	120.6	99.4	57.7	29.8	33.6	9.4	4.3	7.3	362.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>194.3</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>692.0</b>
<b>NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE</b>									
Under 6 years(b)—									
One	135.2	90.2	56.8	34.0	33.8	12.6	2.4	6.8	371.9
Two or more	90.0	66.5	42.4	20.0	21.6	7.5	2.6	5.1	255.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>225.2</b>	<b>156.7</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>627.5</b>
6-11 years(c)—									
One	118.0	83.9	54.9	33.3	27.3	10.0	2.2	4.3	333.9
Two or more	77.1	55.0	33.6	18.1	20.2	7.1	*	2.9	215.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>195.0</b>	<b>138.9</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>548.8</b>
Under 12 years—									
One	124.8	94.8	55.0	32.9	31.2	12.5	3.0	4.8	359.0
Two or more	201.8	140.7	89.4	49.1	49.6	17.1	3.7	10.1	561.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>326.6</b>	<b>235.5</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>920.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Under 6 years(b)—									
One	218.3	155.7	90.7	52.7	54.2	19.1	5.2	11.7	607.7
Two or more	116.7	90.4	55.5	26.0	29.5	9.6	3.8	6.2	337.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>246.2</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>945.4</b>
6-11 years(c)—									
One	230.7	174.1	100.8	60.3	55.5	18.6	6.3	10.5	656.8
Two or more	142.2	110.0	66.6	34.7	39.2	12.0	3.3	7.5	415.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>372.9</b>	<b>284.2</b>	<b>167.4</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>1,072.4</b>
Under 12 years—									
One	240.7	189.7	98.6	60.7	59.9	21.2	6.7	11.5	689.0
Two or more	322.4	240.1	147.1	78.9	83.3	26.5	8.0	17.3	923.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>563.1</b>	<b>429.8</b>	<b>245.6</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>1,612.5</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (b) Includes persons responsible also for children aged 6 to 11 years. (c) Includes persons responsible also for children under 6 years.

**TABLE 14. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE AT SCHOOL:  
MAIN TYPE OF CARE WHILE RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT WORK(a),  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1980  
( ' 000)**

Main type of care	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	32.4	25.9	11.8	9.8	8.9	2.8	*	2.5	95.1
Older children(b)	15.9	14.2	4.4	2.1	3.4	0.8	*	1.5	42.6
Other relatives	17.9	12.2	5.9	3.2	3.9	1.4	*	*	45.1
Other persons	16.0	14.6	5.4	2.3	3.0	*	*	*	44.6
Total	82.3	67.0	27.5	17.5	19.2	6.1	2.3	5.6	227.5
Formal care—									
Pre-school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care at centre(c)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.2
By themselves	7.5	8.2	2.6	*	2.3	*	*	*	23.8
Other(d)	13.7	12.7	7.1	4.1	4.2	*	*	*	43.4
<b>Total family units using care</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>300.9</b>
Care by person responsible only	46.9	34.9	22.8	12.7	11.7	4.6	1.6	2.0	137.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>153.1</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>(e)438.1</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 9, for definition of main type of care. (b) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (c) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (d) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc. (e) Excludes persons that worked at home, either full or part-time.

**TABLE 15. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT AT SCHOOL:  
MAIN TYPE OF CARE WHILE RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT WORK(a),  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1980  
( ' 000)**

Main type of care	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	11.1	12.1	6.4	4.1	3.6	1.8	*	*	40.7
Older children(b)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other relatives	16.9	13.8	7.5	3.6	4.2	1.3	*	*	47.9
Other persons	15.5	9.6	2.6	2.4	3.5	0.7	*	*	36.2
Total	44.0	35.7	17.0	10.4	11.4	3.8	1.3	2.5	126.1
Formal care—									
Pre-school	7.7	4.4	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	15.9
Care at centre(c)	2.7	6.9	5.0	1.7	3.1	*	*	*	21.9
Total	10.4	11.3	7.0	1.9	3.9	1.3	*	*	37.7
By themselves	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other(d)	..	*	*	..	*	..	..	..	*
<b>Total family units using care</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>164.6</b>
Care by person responsible only	6.9	5.6	3.7	1.8	2.8	*	*	*	21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>(e)186.1</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 9, for definition of main type of care. (b) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (c) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (d) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc. (e) Excludes persons that worked at home, either full or part-time.

### SECTION 3. CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL

This section contains details of the types of care, hours of care, the family labour force status, family income group and parents country of birth for children under twelve years of age not attending school.

**TABLE 16. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY TYPES OF CARE(a) AND HOURS OF CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1980 (' 000)**

Types of care	Number of hours of child care per week for each type of care						Total
	Less than 5	5 to less than 10	10 to less than 20	20 to less than 30	30 to less than 40	40 or more	
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	261.4	69.0	30.1	9.2	6.0	7.5	383.3
Older children(b)	10.0	*	*	*	*	*	15.0
Other relatives	122.5	52.8	26.9	15.2	10.8	19.3	247.5
Other persons	75.0	34.7	17.7	7.3	8.5	14.4	157.6
Formal care—							
Pre-school	15.4	47.6	93.8	3.7	5.8	*	168.7
Care at centre(c)	32.9	18.1	20.5	5.6	5.4	8.0	90.5
By themselves	4.0	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
Other(d)	5.0	*	*	*	*	*	10.2

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arranged for children in the reference week and any child may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of events of child care and not the number of children, and direct comparison of such totals with those published in Table 17 (below) would be invalid. (b) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (c) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (d) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc., excludes 'care by person responsible' as this care is used by all family units.

**TABLE 17. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY MAIN TYPE OF CARE(a) AND HOURS OF MAIN CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1980 (' 000)**

Main type of care	Number of hours of main type of care per week						Total
	Less than 5	5 to less than 10	10 to less than 20	20 to less than 30	30 to less than 40	40 or more	
Informal care—							
Spouse of the person responsible	148.2	41.1	22.2	8.7	5.6	7.4	233.3
Older children(b)	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	6.4
Other relatives	69.3	36.7	20.4	13.5	10.7	18.6	169.2
Other persons	24.7	19.4	13.4	7.1	8.5	14.0	87.1
Total	245.8	98.9	56.9	29.5	24.7	40.1	496.0
Formal care—							
Pre-school	8.9	35.9	83.8	3.7	5.7	*	140.5
Care at centre(c)	11.7	13.9	18.7	5.4	5.1	7.8	62.5
Total	20.6	49.8	102.5	9.1	10.8	10.2	203.1
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other(d)	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.8
<b>Total children in care</b>	<b>268.2</b>	<b>149.7</b>	<b>161.3</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>706.4</b>
Care by person responsible only	..	..	..	..	..	..	421.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1,128.0</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 9, for definition of main type of care. (b) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (c) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (d) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc.

**TABLE 18. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY TYPES OF CARE(a) AND FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS(b), AUSTRALIA, 1980**  
( ' 000)

Types of care	Family labour force status(b)					Total
	All parents employed full-time	One parent employed, the other not(c)	All parents not employed (c)	All parents employed, at least one part-time	Not determined	
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	39.4	216.5	21.6	96.3	9.5	383.2
Older children(d)	3.6	6.0	*	*	*	15.0
Other relatives	36.9	122.2	20.8	63.0	4.5	247.5
Other persons	30.6	68.3	9.2	44.5	5.0	157.6
Formal care—						
Pre-school	15.4	98.6	12.0	37.6	5.2	168.7
Care at centre(e)	14.6	43.0	6.5	24.6	*	90.5
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
Other(f)	*	6.0	*	*	*	10.2

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arranged for children in the reference week and any child may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of events of child care and not the number of children, and direct comparison of such totals with those published in Table 19 (below) would be invalid. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (c) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (d) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (e) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (f) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc., excludes 'care by person responsible' as this care is used by all family units.

**TABLE 19. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY MAIN TYPE OF CARE(a) AND FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS(b), AUSTRALIA, 1980**

Main types of care	Family labour force status(b)					Total
	All parents employed full-time	One parent employed, the other not(c)	All parents not employed (c)	All parents employed, at least one part-time	Not determined	
Informal care—						
Spouse of the person responsible	14.1	143.4	16.6	52.4	6.8	233.3
Older children(d)	*	*	*	*	*	6.4
Other relatives	26.4	85.8	15.8	37.9	3.2	169.2
Other persons	22.5	33.2	5.3	23.6	*	87.1
Total	64.1	265.5	39.0	114.9	12.6	496.0
Formal care—						
Pre-school	7.5	89.6	11.2	27.9	4.3	140.5
Care at centre(e)	12.2	29.5	5.3	14.2	*	62.5
Total	19.7	119.2	16.5	42.1	5.7	203.1
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other(f)	*	3.3	*	*	*	4.8
<b>Total children in care</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>388.7</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>158.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>706.4</b>
Care by person responsible only	12.8	300.7	68.0	28.8	11.3	421.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>689.4</b>	<b>124.3</b>	<b>187.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>1,128.0</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 9, for definition of main type of care. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (c) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (d) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (e) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (f) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc.



**TABLE 20. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY TYPES OF CARE(a) INCOME GROUP, AUSTRALIA, 1980**  
( ' 000)

Types of care	Income group (\$)(b)							Not stated	Total
	Less than 80	80-119	120-159	160-199	200-239	240-299	300 or more		
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	5.8	10.8	20.5	38.2	63.4	83.7	136.9	24.0	383.2
Older children(c)	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.2	*	15.0
Other relatives	8.3	11.3	13.9	23.6	43.2	49.8	82.6	14.8	247.5
Other persons	4.6	6.0	5.2	11.5	19.5	25.7	78.2	6.9	157.6
Formal care—									
Pre-school	*	6.1	9.0	18.1	25.5	32.4	64.0	10.5	168.7
Care at centre(d)	*	*	6.3	9.8	10.4	15.9	37.0	4.7	90.5
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
Other(e)	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.8	*	10.2

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arranged for children in the reference week and any child may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of events of child care and not the number of children. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 11, for definition of income group. (c) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (d) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (e) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc., excludes 'care by person responsible' as this care is used by all family units.

**TABLE 21. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY TYPES OF CARE(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1980**  
( ' 000)

Types of care	N.S.W	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Informal care—									
Spouse of the person responsible	121.4	107.5	59.1	34.8	37.9	10.3	3.5	8.7	383.2
Older children(b)	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.0
Other relatives	81.8	66.9	41.9	23.0	23.1	7.2	*	2.8	247.5
Other persons	51.3	42.6	24.2	13.0	16.1	3.7	1.7	5.2	157.6
Formal care—									
Pre-school	53.3	49.4	29.6	12.5	15.1	3.3	1.4	4.2	168.7
Care at centre(c)	12.4	24.8	24.0	10.4	10.6	2.3	2.2	3.8	90.5
By themselves	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
Other(d)	*	*	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	10.2

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arranged for children in the reference week and any child may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of events of child care and not the number of children. (b) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (c) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (d) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc., excludes 'care by person responsible' as this care is used by all family units.

**TABLE 22. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY TYPES OF CARE(a) AND PARENTS COUNTRY OF BIRTH(b)**  
**AUSTRALIA, 1980**  
( ' 000)

Types of care	Parents country of birth				Total
	All parents Australian born	At least one parent born in N.E.S.(c) country	No parents born in N.E.S.(c) country	Not determined	
Informal care—					
Spouse of the person responsible	251.8	65.5	56.4	9.5	383.2
Older children(d)	7.9	4.7	*	*	15.0
Other relatives	169.3	49.2	24.5	4.5	247.5
Other persons	98.8	25.1	28.8	5.0	157.6
Formal care—					
Pre-school	112.3	27.6	23.7	5.2	168.7
Care at centre(e)	55.9	16.4	16.5	1.7	90.5
By themselves	*	*	*	*	5.3
Other(f)	6.7	*	*	*	10.2

(a) The data in this table refer to all types of care arranged for children in the reference week and any child may be counted in several care types. No attempt has, therefore, been made to total the columns across categories of care types as this would result in the number of events of child care and not the number of children. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 14, for explanation of parents country of birth. (c) Non-English speaking. (d) Children in the dwelling 12-17 years of age. (e) Includes creche, playgroup, kindergarten, occasional care centre, etc. (f) Includes scouts, guides, music lessons, organised sporting activities, etc., excludes 'care by person responsible' as this care is used by all family units.

**TABLE 23. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY NUMBER OF TYPES OF CARE USED AND FAMILY LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a), AUSTRALIA, 1980**  
( ' 000)

Number of types of care used	Family labour force status(a)					Total
	All parents employed full-time	One parent employed, the other not(b)	All parents not employed (b)	All parents employed, at least one part-time	Not determined	
One	39.6	247.5	41.2	72.8	11.9	413.0
Two	33.8	112.6	12.2	61.9	4.8	225.3
Three or more	10.9	26.1	*	23.2	*	63.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>(c)84.3</b>	<b>386.2</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>(c)702.3</b>

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, for definition of labour force status. (b) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (c) Does not include 425,700 children whose families used only care types 'by themselves' or used no care type at all (i.e. children were cared for by the person responsible only).

**TABLE 24. CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL BY FAMILY TYPE BY NUMBER OF TYPES OF CARE AND CHILD'S AGE, AUSTRALIA, 1980**  
( ' 000)

Number of types of care used	Child's age (years)						Total
	Less than 1	1 to less than 2	2 to less than 3	3 to less than 4	4 to less than 5	5 and over	
ONE PARENT FAMILIES							
One	*	5.8	6.2	6.3	5.4	*	28.3
Two	*	*	*	3.8	6.0	*	15.0
Three or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	4.2	7.8	8.2	10.5	11.9	*	45.0
TWO PARENT FAMILIES							
One	69.9	81.7	78.6	75.7	69.3	9.6	384.7
Two	22.3	33.6	38.9	42.2	63.5	9.9	210.3
Three or more	*	4.4	7.7	12.8	31.8	*	62.2
Total	94.4	119.6	125.2	130.7	164.6	22.7	657.3
TOTAL							
One	73.3	87.5	84.8	82.0	74.8	10.7	413.0
Two	23.1	35.0	40.9	45.9	69.4	11.0	225.3
Three or more	*	5.0	7.7	13.2	32.3	*	63.9
Total	(a)98.6	127.5	133.4	141.2	176.6	25.0	(a)702.3

(a) Does not include 425,700 children whose families used only care types 'by themselves' or used no care type at all (i.e. children were cared for by the person responsible only).

## TECHNICAL NOTE

### Estimation procedure

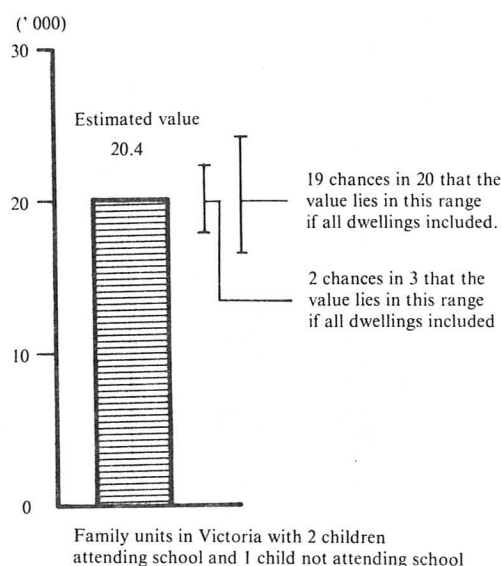
\* Estimates derived from the survey are obtained by using a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

### Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. Standard errors and relative standard errors for family units, persons responsible and children are given in Tables A-D. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 1 (page 9) shows the estimated number of family units in Victoria with 2 children attending school and one child not attending as 20,400. From Table A it can be seen that this estimate has a standard error of about 1,900 and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 18,500 to 22,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 16,600 and 24,200. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As the standard errors in the tables show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication estimates (indicated by an asterisk) below the levels shown in the tables below have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

### STANDARD ERRORS AND RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS

TABLE A. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES: FAMILY UNITS AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE  
(number)

[illegible]

TABLE B. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES: FAMILY UNITS AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE  
(per cent)

[illegible]

STANDARD ERRORS AND RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS—*continued*TABLE C. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES : CHILDREN  
(number)

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
2,500			—	630	650	470	670	640	
3,000			880	680	700	500	720	680	
3,500			950	730	750	540	770	720	
4,000		1,200	1,000	770	800	570	820	760	1,100
4,500	1,300	1,300	1,100	820	840	590	860	790	1,200
5,000	1,400	1,300	1,100	850	880	620	900	820	1,300
6,000	1,500	1,500	1,200	920	950	660	970	870	1,400
10,000	1,900	1,800	1,500	1,100	1,200	800	1,200	1,000	1,800
20,000	2,500	2,400	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,000			2,500
50,000	3,700	3,400	2,800	2,000	2,100	1,300			3,700
100,000	4,900	4,500	3,700	2,600	2,700				4,900
200,000	6,400	5,700	4,700						6,500
300,000	7,500	6,500							7,700
500,000	8,900								9,200
1,000,000									12,000

TABLE D. RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES : CHILDREN  
(per cent)

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
2,500			—	25.3	25.8	18.6	26.7	25.4	
3,000			29.3	22.8	23.4	16.7	24.1	22.7	
3,500			27.0	20.9	21.5	15.3	22.1	20.6	
4,000		30.4	25.1	19.4	20.0	14.1	20.4	19.0	28.7
4,500	28.8	28.5	23.5	18.1	18.7	13.2	19.1	17.6	27.0
5,000	27.3	26.9	22.2	17.0	17.6	12.4	18.0	16.4	25.7
6,000	24.8	24.4	20.0	15.3	15.9	11.1	16.2	14.6	23.4
10,000	18.8	18.2	14.9	11.2	11.7	8.0	11.9	10.2	17.9
20,000	12.7	12.1	9.8	7.3	7.6	5.0			12.3
50,000	7.4	6.9	5.6	4.1	4.2	2.7			7.3
100,000	5.0	4.5	3.7	2.6	2.7				4.9
200,000	3.2	2.8	2.3						3.3
300,000	2.5	2.2							2.6
500,000	1.8								1.9
1,000,000									1.2





